

Important Information About 3SquaresVT

Work Requirements

If you get 3SquaresVT, all household members are automatically work registered at application unless they are exempt. Anyone who is not exempt will be notified about the work requirements and penalties for non-compliance. They may also be referred to the Vermont Department of Labor to participate in work programs and activities.

Free School Meals

If your household receives a monthly benefit from 3SquaresVT and your children attend schools that participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program, they are automatically eligible for free school meals. We'll send their names to the Agency of Education to certify their eligibility unless you ask us not to. Once you receive your grant notice, you may also bring that to the schools to get your children enrolled as quickly as possible. The grant notice can also be used to get your children free meals if they attend a childcare program that participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, or a summer school, club, or camp that participates in the Summer Food Service Program. More details are on page 18, item 17 in the Rights & Responsibilities.

3SquaresVT Federal Requirements

3SquaresVT is what Vermont calls the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The State must process applications for 3SquaresVT in accordance with SNAP procedures, including timeliness, notice, and fair hearing requirements, regardless of whether the application is for 3SquaresVT only or 3SquaresVT and other programs. An applicant may not be denied 3SquaresVT benefits solely because they were denied benefits from other programs. If the applicant is in an institution and applying for 3SquaresVT and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at the same time, the filing date will be the date of release from the institution.

The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (formerly the Food Stamp Act), as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2011-2036, authorizes the collection of information on the application, including the Social Security number of each household member, to be used to determine whether you are eligible or continue to be eligible to receive 3SquaresVT benefits. We will verify this information through computer matching programs. This information will also be used to monitor compliance with program regulations and for program management.

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call **1-866-632-9992**. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: **1-202-690-7442**; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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